Welfare schemes for widows

2029. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement any welfare scheme by involving State Governments for helpless poor widows so that, they can survive;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has launched a scheme called Swadhar in 2001-2002 which seeks to Rehabilitate the women in difficult circumstances like widows, destitute and deserted women, women ex-prisoners, victims of several abuse and crimes, including those trafficked and rescued from brothers, migrant or refugee women who have been rendered homeless due to natural calamities like flood, cyclone, mentally challenged women, women victims of terrorist violence etc. The components covered include shelter, food, counseling, medical and legal support, training for the economic rehabilitation of women and helpline facilities. The implementing agencies can be Social Welfare/ Women and Child Welfare Department of State Government, Women's Development Corporations, Urban Local Bodies, reputed Public/Private Trust in Voluntary Organizations who are willing to take up the responsiblity of rehabilitating such cases duly recommended by the State Governments are placed before the Project Sanctioning Committee which decides the cases on meetings.

(c) Does not arise.

Promotion of education among Scheduled Caste girls

2030. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for promotion of education among the Scheduled Caste girls during the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the literacy rates of SC girls in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government to improve the literacy rates?